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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 May 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 3.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Slotznick (6,011,537) in view of Kashiwagi et al (6,037,939).

Regarding claim 1, Slotznick discloses (Figs. 4-6) a method comprising:

Displaying a first image (Fig. 4, the man's face thumbnail image) at a first resolution level;

identifying a location in the first image ([Click here for full picture](#)); and

generating a second image (Fig. 5) for displaying at a second resolution level (full image) different than the first resolution level in response to user input via a user input mechanism (pointing device 18), wherein generating the second image comprises combining data from the first image with additional image data (downloaded data). See column 20, lines 58-64; and column 21, line 52 to column 22, line 7.

The only different between the disclosure of Slotznick and the claimed invention is that claim 1 requires that the second resolution level is dependant on a number of utilizations of the user input mechanism.

However, Kashiwagi et al discloses (Figs. 1-5 and 12-14) a method for continuously zooming an image window, wherein the zoom ratio (resolution level)

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increase/decrease by 1% every time an instruction is input via the input mechanism (406). See column 7, line 52 to column 8, line 65; and column 12, lines 17-22; and column 15, line 1 to column 16, line 64. It is obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to use the method of gradually magnification/reduction an image window dependant on a number of times the input device being used, as taught by Kashiwagi, into the thumbnail image display device of Slotznick so that the computer user can enlarge an image window to a desired operable size without covering all of the information laying underneath the enlarging window. Furthermore, instead of transferring the entire file, the amount of data to be transferred from the server to the client can be partially reduced which yields a faster processing time.

Regarding claim 2, Slotznick discloses (Fig. 4) positioning a cursor over the location (Click here for full picture).

Regarding claims 3, 5, 6, and 7 Slotznick further discloses "input pointing devices include alphanumeric keypads, number keypads, pointing devices (including but not limited to track balls, mouse pointer, and touch pads), touch screens, handwriting input pressure pads or light pens...)(column 6, lines 45-49). Furthermore, various input mechanism such as computer mouse, keyboard, buttons, or touch pad was well known in the art to be interchangeable and still providing a same equivalent computer inputting functions.

Regarding claim 4, note the rejection as set forth above with respect to claim 3.

Regarding claim 8, Slotznick discloses (Fig. 4) the first image (man's face) is a thumbnail image.

Regarding claim 9, Slotznick discloses accessing additional image data (downloaded data) over a network. See column 3, lines 37-43.

Regarding claim 10, Slotznick discloses (Figs. 4-5) decompressing (enlarging) the additional image data.

Regarding claims 11-12, Slotznick discloses (Figs. 4-6) displaying the first and second images in a browser window.

Claims 13-24 are corresponding to claims 1 and 3-12. Therefore, note the rejections as set forth above with regard to claims 1 and 3-13, respectively.

Claims 25-32 are corresponding to claims 1, 3-7 and 9. Therefore, note the rejections as set forth above with regard to claims 1, 3-7 and 9, respectively.

3. Claims 33-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Slotznick ('537) in view of Wirth et al (6,476,831).

Regarding claim 33, Slotznick discloses (Figs. 4-6) a method comprising:
displaying a first image (Fig. 4, the man's face thumbnail image) at a first resolution level;

identifying a location in the first image (Click here for full picture); and
generating a second image (Fig. 5) for displaying at a second resolution level (full image) different than the first resolution level in response to user input via a user input mechanism (pointing device 18), wherein generating the second image comprises combining data from the first image with additional image data (downloaded data). See column 20, lines 58-64; and column 21, line 52 to column 22, line 7.

The only difference between the disclosure of Slotznick and the claimed invention is the claim 33 requires the step of panning images, wherein the image data in the display window is moved in a direction opposite to the panning direction.

However, it is well known in the art that a property commonly associated with a window is the ability to "scroll" or "pan" the window. Scrolling or panning is used when the item displayed in a window, for example a graphic image in a drawing program or a document in a word processing program, is too large to be displayed in the window all at the same time. In this case, the window can often be "scrolled" or "panned" to a new position relative to the underlying image or document such that the window shows portions of the underlying image or document that previously were outside of the portion shown in the window. The term "scrolling" shall be used to refer to both scrolling and panning. Thus, since Slotznick discloses a plurality of image in the windows environment, it is obvious to the person of ordinary skill in the art to incorporate the teachings of conventional window scrolling or panning to provide the display window system of Slotznick with the capability of zooming, scrolling or panning the images which provides a more user friendly graphical display for the computer user.

On the other hand, Wirth also discloses (Figs. 1-5) the step of identifying a panning (scrolling) direction in the first image (document 21); and moving the image data in the display window (20) in a direction opposite to the panning direction. See column 6, lines 62-67; and column 7, lines 17-18. It is obvious to the person of ordinary skill in the art to use the method of panning or scrolling an window of Wirth into the display window system of Slotznick to provide the display window of Slotznick with the

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capability of zooming, scrolling or panning the images which provides a more user friendly graphical display for the computer user.

Regarding claim 34, it is well known in the art that a user can pan a window by placing a cursor on the edge of the window and "drag" the edge of the window in the direction of panning to enlarge or scroll the displayed textual information on a window.

Claims 35-36 are corresponding to claims 33-34, note the rejection as set forth above with regard to claims 35-36, respectively.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

-Bricklin (5,680,152) disclose the method for panning, scrolling, and zooming a display image.

-Kaizuka et al (6,396,507) disclose (Fig. 3A-3E) a method of gradually zooming an image.

-Tarantino et al (6,192,393) disclose (Figs. 1-3) a method for panning an image.

-Scott et al (6,545,687) disclose a thumbnail manipulation method using fast and aspect ratio zooming, compressing and scaling.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LUU MATTHEW whose telephone number is (703) 305-4850. The examiner can normally be reached on 9 hrs.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, RAZAVI MICHAEL can be reached on (703) 305-4713. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9314 for regular communications and (703) 872-9314 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-4700.

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May 12, 2003

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Luu', with a large, stylized initial 'M'.

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PRIMARY EXAMINER